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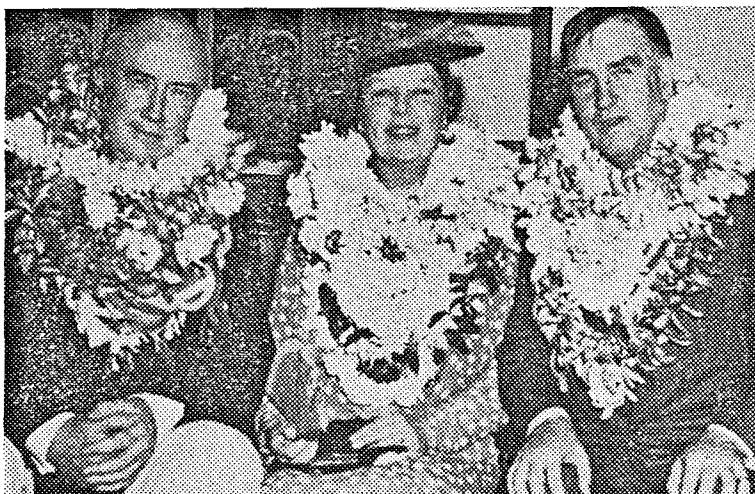
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Bishop Keeler and Doctor Sills, of the National Council, New York, and Mrs. Sills representing the Woman's Auxiliary, visited the Islands from July 23rd to August 25th, studying conditions in Hawaii and surveying church work.

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September 28—16th Sunday after Trinity

September 29—S. Michael and all Angels

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October 12—18th Sunday after Trinity



GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES AT ST. CLEMENT'S

Honolulu Parish Starts Church Enlargement

By the Rev. Canon E. Tanner Brown
D.D.

"Bishop Keeler told the congregation to work, and then the Rector gets everyone digging", remarked Bishop Littell following the ground breaking service at St. Clement's Parish, Honolulu, on August 24. This service was a milestone for the parish, which has long planned an enlargement of the building because of overcrowding congregations during the past year. The date for the ceremony coincided with the Sunday when Bishop Stephen E. Keeler of the Deputation from the National Council was to visit the parish, a happy coincidence for the members of the congregation as it gave them the opportunity of meeting the visiting Bishop and Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sills.

Following the service in the Church the congregation marched to the site where the larger building will be placed. In an impressive service the Bishop of the diocese blessed the ground both for the church and for the columbarium, and then the Rector, asking God's blessing on the undertaking, turned the first spade of earth. Then each member of the congregation started vigorously to dig, and with four spades at work passed them from one to the other. Soon the outline of the building was shown and ready for the prayer for the future workmen and the blessing by the Bishop.

After such arduous work the congregation had refreshments, first giving each



Iolani Boys Discuss World Affairs.

—Courtesy The Honolulu Advertiser.

one the opportunity of meeting the special guests of the day. The spacious parish house, constructed four years ago, was the scene both of nourishment and of the joy of achievement.

The building fund now amounts to over Nineteen Thousand Dollars. While the exact cost cannot be accurately determined with this type of reconstruction, the congregation feels within at least three thousand dollars of the cost.

The parish house will be used for services temporarily, and probably a tent erected on the grounds for the use of the growing Church School.

The idea of the columbarium is new in recent Church construction and may be of interest to readers. Immediately beneath the Sanctuary a concrete room is planned with the walls lined with niches where urns may be kept in perpetual care. As this is somewhat of a venture at present the capacity at first will be about three hundred but the construction will permit of enlargement. The purchase of these spaces is not restricted to members of the parish but open to all persons who desire to leave the earthly remains of their loved ones in the care of the Church, and close to the Altar.



CHURCH CONNECTIONS BETWEEN MINNESOTA AND HAWAII

In his address at the public reception given for the Deputation on July 23rd, Bishop Keeler told of many common interests between his part of the Church and ours. He mentioned the fact that the first bishop of Minnesota, Henry Ben-

jamin Whipple, "Apostle to the Indians", had been asked by the American Church, at the request of the Archbishop of Canterbury, to become Bishop of Honolulu. Bishop Whipple, however, felt it his duty to remain where he was, particularly in view of the work he was doing with the Government for the protection of the Indians from exploitation. A brother of his, the Rev. George B. Whipple, was appointed missionary on the island of Maui in 1866, and was the first vicar of the mission Church of the Good Shepherd, at Wailuku.

Bishop Keeler mentioned also the fact that within a year Minnesota has transferred to this Missionary District one of its fine clergy, the Rev. J. Thurlow Baker, who is now at work in West-Kauai, living at St. John's Church vicarage, Eleale.

Another connection of interest is the fact that a score of parishes in Minnesota, through their branches of the Woman's Auxiliary, have within recent months sent contributions of money and equipment to the Church Hospital on Molokai. The connection has been made closer by long and personal letters with photographs enclosed to these many donors from the hospital superintendent, Mrs. Gwendoline Shaw, R.N.



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The Deputation Leaves

After a month of strenuous work, in which the members of the official Deputation from the Church's National Council neither spared themselves nor were spared by the Church in Hawaii, the special study and survey which they were appointed to do was completed. They sailed for the mainland on August 25th. The Bishop has sent the following cablegram, addressed to the Presiding Bishop for the whole National Council:

"Thank you for sending to us Bishop Keeler and Dr. Sills. Their work has been wholly constructive and their presence an inspiration.

Bishop and District of Honolulu."

There is no question about the value to the Church at large and to this Missionary District in particular of the amazingly thorough study they have made in this field. They expressed themselves as greatly surprised in many respects regarding the Church, the social and political traditions of the Islands, and the startling changes through which we are passing. They also did not fail to see that our work in Hawaii is unique.

Its geographical location, its political and international importance, its intermingling of races, its military significance—all impressed them. The firmly laid foundations of Christian work in the Islands, not least the achievements of our own Communion, did not escape them.

BISHOP JENKINS' PROPOSAL FOR UNION WITH THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A nine-point program designed to result in a gradual union between the Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches was proposed by Bishop Jenkins of Nevada at a two-day meeting of Anglican Churchmen, held in Portland, Ore., just before the synod of the Pacific, in May.

The long-sought union could, he said, be consummated in less than 50 years, since it would deal only with young men who lack the prejudices born of ministerial experience.

Bishop Jenkins' plan provides for the consecration to the episcopate of three Presbyterian ministers, chosen by their own Church. These Presbyterian bishops would then confirm and ordain to the diaconate and the priesthood all new candidates for the Presbyterian ministry. A Presbyterian minister would take part in the laying on of hands at each ordina-

tion. In fact, they said on several occasions that in their opinion there is no more important mission field under the American flag.

We shall await with interest detailed reports of their observations. They were naturally reticent in some particulars, but they did say that they had discovered other islands besides Oahu, and had found that the Church in its growth and spirit on Maui, Hawaii, Kauai, and Molokai gave them unexpected satisfaction, and in some aspects is even ahead of Honolulu. They also learned that the large and strikingly beautiful Cathedral close is not typical of the buildings and equipment anywhere else in the Islands, and that its origin under royal auspices 80 years ago, on what are indeed royal lines, and its continuance and development through the years into a park of great beauty dotted with striking buildings, can easily give casual visitors and tourists an erroneous opinion of the Church work in Hawaii.

The members of the Deputation saw every single center of work, even in the most distant and rural places. They discovered that the Church here is a rural Church, as two-thirds of the population of the Islands live in small and scattered communities. They saw the need for great emphasis on work amongst residents of Oriental ancestries, particularly Japanese. They saw the great increase in both personnel and finances being poured into the Islands by Roman Catholics, Mor-

tion.

The bishops would have jurisdiction over all Presbyterian congregations. Ministers ordained only presbyterially would be appointed only to congregations not having already accepted an Episcopally ordained pastor. The presbyterially ordained ministers would, for the time being, have full privileges of Communion with the Episcopally ordained.

In congregations served by an Episcopally ordained minister, all new members would be confirmed, as in the Epis-

mons, and Buddhists, all of whom have recognized the urgency of meeting the religious challenge presented by Hawaii. They have encouraged us to expect not only closer cooperation with our "partners" of the National Council on the mainland because of better understanding of our situation, but even to look for definite and substantial aid in immediate projects which require financial assistance.

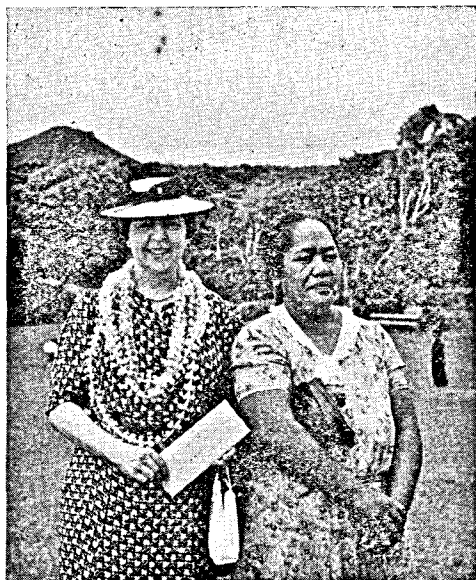
We have said all this about the two men of the Deputation who are so particularly qualified for the work they are doing, but we have no reason to overlook the splendid contribution which Mrs. Sills made by her presence and inspiring conferences and interviews with our women. Deaconess Swinburne, president of the diocesan Woman's Auxiliary, and others, are enthusiastic about Mrs. Sills, who, though coming at her own expense, was made an official representative of the Woman's Auxiliary. She has taken back with her much enlightening information which she will share with Church women on the mainland.

Again we thank God for the vision and action on the part of the National Council which sent us these splendid leaders; and we confidently expect that this visit will remain an outstanding event in the long annals of the Church in Hawaii, and will mark great advance and enlargement in this part of the Kingdom of God.

copal Church.

The matter of a Liturgy, except in the administration of the Sacraments, would be left to the discretion of the Presbyterian bishops and the clergy they ordain; as would also the matter of vestments. Congregations served by Episcopally ordained ministers would use the traditional elements in the ministraton of the sacraments, as well as the words of Institution in Holy Communion and the Triune Name in Holy Baptism.—*The Living Church*.

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*Mrs. Kenneth C. M. Sills with
Mrs. Helen Hookano, President of
Auxiliary, St. John's-by-the-Sea*

A VISIT TO ST. JOHN'S-BY-THE-SEA

On their first Sunday in Hawaii, President and Mrs. Sills visited this little Mission in the fishing village across the Island. They saw effective rural work in its simplest form, and were deeply moved by the sincerity and hospitality of our people at St. John's-by-the-Sea.

Mrs. Richard Lundberg gives a description of the kind of service which Dr. and Mrs. Sills attended:

"As a bell clangs above the square doorway, the smiling brown eyed Hawaiians begin to appear as if by magic. A soft patter, patter of bare feet on the wooden floor, the tinkle of coins dropped in the Alms Basin, and a wide welcoming smile indicate each new Sunday School pupil. A heavier step but a no less friendly manner accompany the mothers and fathers. These are St. John's-by-the-Sea. Fifty-seven communicants, fifty-one Sunday School pupils, their story is a modern epic in its own right.

It is just ten years since Bishop Littell, at the suggestion of his layreader, said in answer to a question from one of these Hawaiian fisher folk assembled with him for the first time, "Well, since this is St. John's Day, and since the man who brought me here is named John, why don't we call it St. John's-by-the-Sea?"

So St. John's-by-the-Sea it became. The only other possible name might have been "Mohammed and the Mountain Mission" since it claims the remarkable dis-

tinction of having gone after the Episcopal church instead of having the church come to it!

Long-Standing Feud

Although many generations of these Hawaiian families have rounded out their tranquil life cycles in the village of Kahaluu, the earliest history of the Mission itself goes back probably to 1912 when the unofficial "Mayor of Kahaluu"; John Townsend, first came to the little community to work on a Road Contract. Himself part Hawaiian, Mr. Townsend through the years came to be accepted as friend and councillor by the good natured but shy and diffident natives. He in turn became more and more deeply attached to them, and found his only worry, aside from the perennial problems of the young people, to be a long-standing feud between two of the largest families (the Hookano-Watson feud)—an enmity in the best Kentucky tradition but based on



*Warden John Townsend pointing out
delapidated Chapel to Dr. Kenneth Sills*

They Did It Themselves

Their next desire was for a community hall. To build or buy one seemed completely beyond the reach of these fishers and tillers of the soil whose own homes were often tiny one-room cottages. But—across the bay from their glistening park stood an old, corrugated iron warehouse abandoned by Libby, McNeill and Libby Pineapple Co. Town-father Townsend obtained permission to use the materials in this store house, and appointed a Saturday morning when the men were free for a general gathering of the village. What a day that must have been! Every man, woman and child was on hand bouncing with excitement. The men wrecked the old building and loaded it piece by piece on the tiny flat fishing boats. The children swam back and forth across the bay guiding and pushing the boats loaded with sheet iron and lumber. The women waited on the shore of the park to unload sheet after sheet of the iron and lumber from the boats. Nightfall saw the



*Layreader Charles Hookano, his
mother with adopted child, T. J.
Hollander, Layreader and Mrs. Hollander*

the comparative fishing prowess of the two families and resulting in many an inglorious Saturday night brawl.

However, the years slid quietly by until 1927 when a group of sturdy Hawaiian youths asked help for their baseball team. Then Mr. Townsend called his neighbors together on a Sunday afternoon and having banded together they obtained permission to rent (for one dollar a year) and clear one acre of uncultivated land by the sea. The entire community, the warring clans side by side, grubbed and rooted and planted until they not only had the needed baseball diamond but a real recreation park as well.

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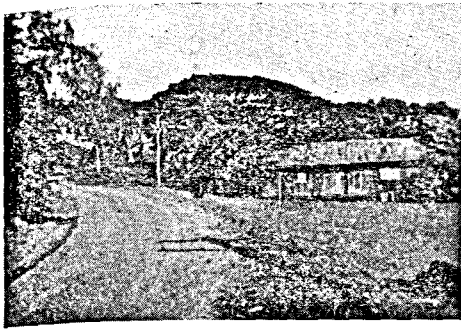
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*The Chapel-Hall*

entire building transported to its new site at one end of their park; Sunday morning the new foundations were laid; two weeks later a community hall stood proudly by the edge of the sea, erected by the village folk in their spare time.

The hard working little village had seemingly now fulfilled its greatest ambitions. There was the park, equipped with playground apparatus purchased by money raised at dances and concerts, and there—greatest and most unexpected blessing of all—the community hall!

Something Lacking

"But", confided Mr. Townsend, "we felt that there was something lacking. Deep in my own heart I realized that what our community needed was religious guidance, but Hawaiians are touchy on that subject."

Touchy perhaps, and also hesitant to accept the advances of kindly Episcopalians summering in the neighborhood who occasionally suggested the idea of a mission. Finally however, in December, 1930, the Community met in its hand-made recreation center and by unanimous and solemn vote decided to ask the Episcopalians "because they seemed to have their feet on the ground" to take over their guidance.

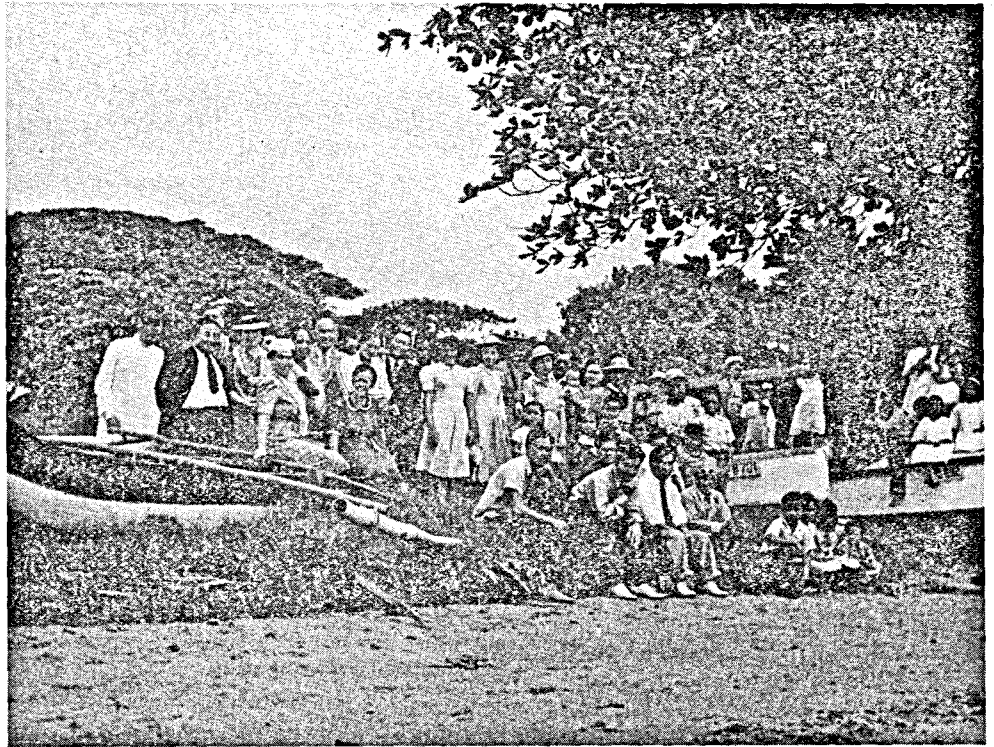
"But remember", admonished their soon-to-be senior warden, "if we ask these church people to come and help us, we'll have to stick by them."

"We'll stick!" chorused the Kahaluu Fisher-Folk and Farmers.

And They Have Stuck!

And they have, from that first meeting with Bishop Littell on St. John's Day, 1930, through their tenth anniversary as a mission on St. John's Day, 1940 when the heart warming announcement was made of the purchase of the one-third acre of park land that they had formerly only rented. Cheerfully have they faced diocesan assessments, and nation-wide campaign funds and lenten offerings, and yet contrived to raise this \$2,575.00 for payment on the land they have grown to love, now completely paid for.

In the spring of 1932, Edgar W. Henshaw, layreader, was ordained to the diaconate in the little Chapel, and was put in charge of the work there. Mrs. Henshaw was a great helper to him, and both loved and were loved by the Ha-

*Sunday Worshippers in Outrigger Canoe and Boats, St. John's-by-the-Sea*

waiian people. Mr. Henshaw divided his time with the Temperance League of Hawaii, which shared his support with the Church. St. John's-by-the-Sea, and indeed the Church in Hawaii, felt deep regret when Mr. Henshaw left for the mainland four years later to take up new work in Arizona.

Mellowed and deepened by their contact with Christ's teachings, they have more true reverence and quiet devotion than would ever have seemed possible for the excited, laughing crowd that floated the sheets of iron across the bay just a few short years ago. Yet that same spirit of cooperation and push is still with them. It has helped keep them together during the long intervals when they have had only lay-readers and Church Army workers to guide their steps as a mission. It will stay with them as they fight their way on towards their next goal—a simple but adequate Church building. Over \$600 has already come in.

The Next Step

The story of St. John's-by-the-Sea is not finished. It goes on, day after seemingly uneventful day, at present under the kind guidance of Lay-reader T. J. Hollander and Mrs. Hollander, and of the native lay-reader, Charlie Hookano, who occasionally conducts the service in their own soft Hawaiian language. Their consuming interest right now is the new chapel, which is to have a roof that isn't

of leaky tin, that won't leave puddles of water on the floor to be stepped over or around as they come towards the altar. They plan to build the church themselves, continuing the work over years if necessary, but immediately converting each new dollar they acquire into solid wall or rain proof roof. With such a shining goal toward which to work together, it is small wonder that today each friendly brown face wrinkles up in amusement at the mention of such trifles as the erstwhile Inter-Family feud.

The quiet powerful influence of the Church on our dark eyed friends who make up St. John's-by-the-Sea is the same as that of hundreds of other missions on hundreds of other lives. Their story is noteworthy simply because it gives us comforting reassurance that in Hawaii as every where else, beneath the hurried activity of a war mad world, Christ's work goes on."

—X—

The story of the rich man and Lazarus is the story of two beggars. One begged bread on earth, and the other begged water in Hell.—Dr. Will H. Houghton.

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Here and There In The Diocese

The Deputation Promises Us a Letter

Just before sailing away, Bishop Keeler and Dr. Sills promised a letter for the Hawaiian Church Chronicle to the Church in Hawaii. It will be informal and personal, not at all like the official report they will make to the National Council, to be published later. We shall be happy indeed to hear from them, and to share with our readers any communications from them.

The Vicar of Hilo Called to Active Service

The Rev. Kenneth D. Perkins, officer in the Naval Reserve for the past two years, has received orders to report for active duty at Pearl Harbor on September 22nd. One more vacancy in our already depleted staff must be filled somehow "for the duration."

Iolani Secures a Major and a Minor on the Same Day

The Headmaster and the Assistant Headmaster of our diocesan School for Boys receive our hearty congratulations for events which happened to them both on August 29th. Chaplain Stone was promoted to be a Major in the United States Army, and Vice-Principal Eshelman welcomed a son, his first-born, into the family.

Bequest to the Cathedral

Mrs. Harry M. Von Holt, who died on June 20th, has left investments to the value of \$30,000 to the Church Corporation of this Missionary District. She has stipulated that the Income shall "be applied equally for the upkeep and expenses of St. Andrew's Cathedral Parish and St. Andrew's Guild and Auxiliary."

Church Army Evangelist Expected

Word has been received from Capt. H. Bird, Church Army Headquarters, London, that a fully qualified officer of the Church Army is leaving at once to join our mission staff in Hawaii. He is Capt. Frank Woodford, who had been accepted by the National Council as a missionary in Liberia. No transportation however to West Africa is possible, and even Bishop Kroll is unable to return to his diocese. Capt. Woodford will be appointed to Kohala on the island of Hawaii to carry on the important work under Arch-deacon Walker which Capt. Denis Smith's departure has left vacant.

"Expanding Defense Program Challenges Hawaiian Hospitality"

Under this caption, the Christian Science Monitor publishes a news article from which we quote two paragraphs of particular significance:

"It is becoming increasingly apparent to observers who have watched the service men attempt to adjust themselves to life in Hawaii, that fundamental shifts in the

life of the community must be made if these 'guests' are to feel sincerely and permanently 'at home' in Hawaii.

"Providing recreational facilities is only a partial solution of the problem. Mayor Petrie, other civic leaders, and Army and Navy officials are finding that maintenance of a high level of morale among service personnel depends to a considerable extent on the cordiality of their everyday relations with the civilian community."

Almost any time of any day, sailors, soldiers and marines may be seen strolling along the streets of Honolulu, obviously bored by the limited recreational opportunities. What they appreciate more than anything else is an opportunity to participate in the community life of the civilians.

Dr. Sills as Seen by a Local Newspaper

"A visiting college president who recently shared academic honors with Viscount Lord Halifax, British ambassador to Washington, and Wendell Willkie, left Honolulu on the Mariposa yesterday after several weeks spent with his wife in Honolulu. He was Dr. Kenneth Charles M. Sills, president of Bowdoin college at Brunswick, Maine.

Dr. Sills was one of the several personages in the fields of civic, industrial and educational endeavor honored with Ph. D. degrees by Yale university at its commencement exercises last June.

He has been president of Bowdoin


since 1918 and connected with that university since 1903 as instructor in English and the classics."

The Church Schools Reopen

As we go to press, the schools in the diocese, boarding and day of all grades, including of course Sunday and week-day schools of religious education, are opening for the new school year. Most of them are filled to capacity, the diocesan institutions, Iolani and the Priory, being crowded beyond all precedent, with scores of pupils turned away for lack of space.

The Departure of Rev. and Mrs. Richard Lundberg

On August 25th, after a sudden decision and a fortunate and almost unexpected securing of passage on an overtaxed steamer, Mr. and Mrs. Lundberg returned to the mainland. They have been loaned to us for ten months by the diocese of Kyoto, to which Mr. Lundberg had been appointed but could not proceed because of action last year of the Japanese government regarding missionaries. He is informed that the stipend provided under the budget for Japan will not continue after this year. He has done good work at Iolani in classes of religious education and in contacts with the boys, having prepared and presented large classes for baptism and confirmation. We wish him and Mrs. Lundberg every blessing in the new work which they are entering.



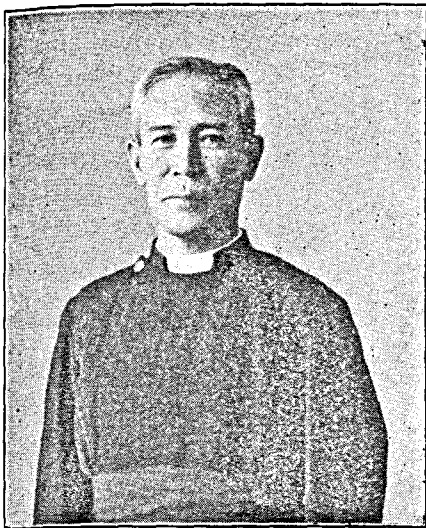
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Rev. Makoto Makita, Bishop-elect of North Kwanto, and Seventh Japanese to be elected to the Episcopate.

The Rev. Makoto Makita, rector of the Omori Seikokwai Church, was elected Bishop of North Kwanto on June 11th, at the two-day convocation of the diocese at St. John's Church, Utsunomiya. He will succeed the Rt. Rev. Charles Shriver Reifsnider, D.D., who resigned last October. He is the seventh Japanese to be elected to the episcopate of the Nippon Seikokwai, or Holy Catholic Church of Japan.

Bishop-elect Makita's elevation to the episcopate must await confirmation of the House of Bishops of the Japanese Church. There will probably be some delay in this, owing to the fact that there are several other elections of bishops to be held.

The newly elected Bishop was born in Nagara mura, Chiba prefecture, November 1, 1890. He was educated at St. Paul's University and at the Central Theological College, Tokyo. He was ordained deacon in 1922 and priest in 1925. With the exception of one year spent at Sankyo Church, Tokyo, as assistant, he has been priest in charge of the Omori Church. Bishop-elect Makita is one of the leaders of the Catholic group of the Church, and is well known for pastoral work.

The convention of the diocese of the Tohoku held on Friday, June 13th, at Sendai, failed to elect a bishop to succeed

the Rt. Rev. Norman Spencer Binsted, D.D., now Bishop in charge of the Philippines. Another convention will be convened.—*The Living Church.*

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**Episcopal College Work Leader Sees
Future Assured If Students and
Faculties Are Won—Plans Association
of Christian Students and Teachers
in Colleges and Universities
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New York, N. Y.—A project to gather 25,000 Episcopal Church members who are students in colleges and universities, into a national Association of Canterbury Clubs, is announced by the Rev. Dr. Alden Drew Kelley, head of that Church's college work. Dr. Kelley says the plan would make such an association the student group of the Church Society for College Work, and that will be well under way this year.

Dr. Kelley explained that the Episcopal Church is intensely interested in the Church's ministry to the academic community. "It is not especially concerned about a social or recreational program," he said, "but it is greatly concerned in

carrying to the colleges a program for a total ministry, sacramental teaching, preaching and pastoral; a ministry centered in a Church and an ordained clergyman.

"The Episcopal Church is the first, and so far the only Church which has established college work as a special mission field," Dr. Kelley declared. "It is a tremendous field, with over 65,000 Episcopal young people in the nation's colleges and universities. Every spring there are graduated from these institutions at least 10,000 young men and women, brought up as Episcopalians.

"The responsibility of the Church," Dr. Kelley continued, "is to the whole academic community, not merely to students. It is college work, not student work. Our concern should not be merely with a group of Churchmen within certain age limits. We are not attempting a certain circumscribed kind of young people's work. The faculty and administrative officials of a college or university are potentially the strategically important group."

Denying that the Church wishes to control higher education, Dr. Kelley said, "We want to surround it with Christian influences. Our emphasis is largely on personnel, finding the right man, competently trained, to work at each educational center. It is work that does not get done with buildings nor offices. It is not a program, but a man."

Dr. Kelley believes that the future of Christianity depends largely upon the impact of the Church on educational

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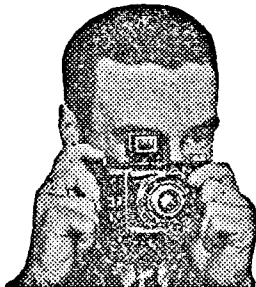
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institutions, and that this fact makes such institutions the greatest mission field.

Before assuming his present position with the National Episcopal Church organization, Dr. Kelley had worked among students at the University of Wisconsin. At present he travels widely, visiting colleges and universities, interviewing and speaking to student groups, faculties and other officials.

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"A man's soul travels the same road as his attitude toward money." The use that one makes of his possessions, over and above his necessities and comforts, indicates quite clearly the outward reach of his soul. One may store them and lose his soul as did the "foolish rich man." He may waste them and "sin against Heaven" as did the prodigal. Or he may invest them for God and thereby "lay up treasures in Heaven" as the Master taught in His Word. The first two must eventually be written off as losses. The third represents eternal gain. —Selected.

Worry

Let us try to leave to-morrow, if we can, until it comes. It has been said that the worst ills in life are those that never happen. All of us know what that means. Our imagination runs away with us, especially at two o'clock in the morning. We brood over things until every one of them is out of proportion. We make mole-hills into mountains, little mistakes into irretrievable disasters.

—W. H. Elliott.



Peter Trimble Rowe, oldest Bishop of Episcopal Church in active service, holds Communion service for native congregation. He has been Bishop of Alaska since 1895.

OLDEST EPISCOPAL BISHOP BUSILY ENGAGED IN HIS FARTHEST NORTH FIELD

Bishop Rowe of Alaska Greets Church Tourist on Visit to Alaska Missions

Seattle, Wash.—Traveling over his 500,000 square mile jurisdiction, Peter Trimble Rowe, Episcopal Bishop of Alaska, is baptizing, confirming, preaching and counseling with the whites, Indians and Eskimos to whom he is Father in God.

Oldest active bishop in the Episcopal Church, Bishop Rowe will celebrate his 85th birthday in November. He has been Bishop of Alaska since 1895, and in 1931 was given assistance when the House of Bishops elected John Boyd Bentley, now 45 years old, as Suffragan Bishop.

In the course of his itinerary this summer, Bishop Rowe met a group of Episcopal Church men and women from the United States who left Seattle on July 29 on the S. S. Aleutian, for a fourteen-day trip through Alaska, during which they

visited a number of the mission stations of the Church. Bishop Bentley too spent some time with the party, to which he sent the advance message, "Come, and we'll try to make you welcome after the old Alaskan custom."

Bishop Rowe was born in Canada, and his son Paul is a First Lieutenant in the Canadian Army, on duty with an anti-aircraft unit. Only one bishop of the Episcopal Church is older, the Rt. Rev. William Lawrence, retired Bishop of Massachusetts, who is 91. Bishop Rowe has no thought of retiring, being strong and vigorous and able to do more work than many a younger man. He belongs to the pioneering age, and could well be classed among the Alaska settlers of whom he says: "We don't seem to be raising that breed of men today. The youth of the present era is entirely too soft. They want the good things of life served to them on a platter. We need more of the type who dared the unknown solely for adventure's sake. For the opening up of Alaska, the United States is indebted to the adventurous American."

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